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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

APPLICANTS : Brian J. Balin, et al.
SERIAL NO. : 09/227,749
FOR : TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS
OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
FILED : JANUARY 8, 1998
EXAMINER : ELLI PESELEV
ART UNIT : 1200

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

A petition for a three month extension of time, up to and including July 23, 2001 accompanies this amendment as does a power of attorney for the undersigned counsel.

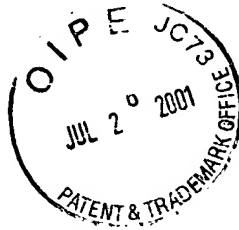
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Responsive to the office action dated January 22, 2001, please cancel without prejudice, claims 1-7.

Applicants have recently engaged new counsel as shown in the accompanying power of attorney. Because of this transition, Applicants' counsel has not had sufficient time to prepare a substantive response to the rejection of the pending claims but intends on filing a supplemental response with a declaration and supporting information in the next several weeks. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withhold issuing any office action until the supplemental response is filed.

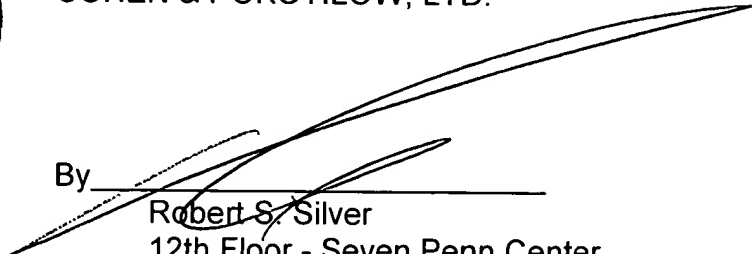
Respectfully submitted,

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July 23, 2001

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT, re Application Serial No. 09/227,749 is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C. 20231, on this 23rd day of July, 2001.


Robert S. Silver